GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Service – Departmental proceedings against Smt. Ketha Rajyalakshmi, Tahsildar (now Retd.), Anaparthy Mandal, previously worked as Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, East Godavari District – Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 r/w Rule-9 of APRPS Rules, 1980 – Article of Charges – Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1348 Dated: 05-11-2025

Read the following:-

1. From the DG, ACB, Vijayawada with letter RE.No.90/RE-REG/2020-S.10, dt.22.10.2024.
2. From the DG, ACB, Vijayawada with letter RE.No.90/RE-REG/2020-S.10, dt.02.12.2024.
3. From the DG, ACB, Vijayawada with letter RE.No.90/RE-REG/2020-S.10, dt.30.07.2025.
4. G.O.Ms.No.403, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, dt.05.11.2025.

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O R D E R:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Smt. Ketha Rajyalakshmi, Tahsildar (now Retired), Anaparthy Mandal, previously worked as Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, East Godavari District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule-20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC & A) Rules, 1991 r/w Rule-9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Service Rules, 1980 for committing irregularities noticed by the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh during the Regular Enquiry.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charge (Annexure-I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the Articles of Charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexures-II, III & IV).

3. Smt. Ketha Rajyalakshmi, Tahsildar (now Retired), Anaparthy Mandal, previously worked as Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, East Godavari District is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of her defence.

4. Smt. Ketha Rajyalakshmi, Tahsildar (now Retired), Anaparthy Mandal, previously worked as Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, East Godavari District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charge as are not admitted. She should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each Article of Charge.

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5. Smt. Ketha Rajyalakshmi, Tahsildar (now Retired), Anaparthy Mandal, previously worked as Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, East Godavari District is further informed that if she does not submit her written statement of defence on or before the time specified in Para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule-20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold inquiry against her ex-parte and further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Smt. Ketha Rajyalakshmi, Tahsildar (now Retired), Anaparthy Mandal, previously worked as Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, East Godavari District is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his/her interests in respect of matters pertaining to his/her service under the Government. If any representation is received on his/her behalf from any other person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Smt. Ketha Rajyalakshmi, Tahsildar (now Retd.), Anaparthy Mandal, previously worked as Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, East Godavari District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his/her instance and action will be taken against him/her for violation of Rule 24 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the Memorandum be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G SAI PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
Smt. Ketha Rajyalakshmi, Tahsildar (now Retired), Anaparthy Mandal, previously worked as Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, East Godavari District ***through*** the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
Copy to:
The District Collector, East Godavari District, Rajamahendravaram.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada.
Sf/Sc.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

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ANNEXURE –I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT. KETHA RAJYA LAKSHMI, W/O CH. VENKATA REDDY, FORMER TAHSILDAR, PEDAPUDI MANDAL, KAKINADA DISTRICT, (PREVIOUSLY EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT IN 90/RE-REG/2020 OF ACB, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM RANGE.

That Smt. K. Rajya Lakshmi, W/o Ch. Venkata Reddy, Age 61 years, Former Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District) (here-in-after referred as Government Servant) while functioning as such during the period from 18.07.2019 to 25.08.2020 committed grave misconduct in as much as:

CHARGE-1:-

That the Government Servant while working as Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, East Godavari district demanded bribe of Rs. 20,000/- from Sri Nallamilli Peda Subba Reddy for the mutation and to issue pattadar pass books for his 0.38 cents of agricultural land in Sy.No.277/5, L.N.Puram, G. Mamidada Village, Pedapudi (M) through the Government Servant-2 & Government Servant -3.

CHARGE-2:-

That the Government Servant while working as Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, East Godavari district showed slack supervision over her staff i.e., Government Servant-2 who failed to conduct enquiry as per procedure in vogue on the two applications of Sri Nallamilli Peda Subbareddy for mutation of his agricultural land and over The Government Servant-4 / Sri K. Chandra Sekhara Reddy, Dy. Tahsildar O/o Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal who has misplaced the application files vide Nos. RMU011903147849 dated:09-10-2019 and RMU 011903689250 dated:17.12.2019 of Sri Nallamilli Peda Subbareddy.

CHARGE-3:-

That the Government Servant while working as Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, East Godavari rejected applications vide Nos. RMU011903147849 dated. 09-10-2019 and RMU 011903689250 dated 17.12.2019 of the Sri Nallamilli Peda Subbareddy beyond SLA i.e., on 15.11.2019 and on 30.12.2019 respectively.

Thus, the Government Servant by her above mentioned acts has committed grave misconduct i.e., she has exhibited gross negligence and lack of devotion to duty conduct unbecoming of Government Servant and thereby violated / contravened Rule (1), (2) & (5) of A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

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ANNEXURE –II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT. KETHA. RAJYA LAKSHMI, W/O CH. VENKATA REDDY, FORMER TAHSILDAR, PEDAPUDI MANDAL, KAKINADA DISTRICT, (PREVIOUSLY EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT IN 90/RE-REG/2020 OF ACB, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM RANGE

That Smt. K. Rajya Lakshmi, W/o Ch. Venkata Reddy, 61 years, Former Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District) is a native of Rajamahendravaram, East Godavari District. Her date of birth is 26.02.1963. She joined in the Government Service on 09.06.1984 as Junior Assistant and posted at O/o RDO, Rajahmundry. On consequent promotions, he rose to the rank of Tahsildar and worked in the same capacity at Kadiyam, Poduru. Later, she was transferred to Pedapudi on 18.07.2019. Her basic pay is Rs.69,750/- (35,120 – 85,130). She is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 28.02.2025 (62 Years). She is here-in-after referred to as Government Servant.

Brief facts:

Whereas, the Petitioner Sri Karri Sudhakara Reddy is a resident of G. Mamidada Village, Pedapudi Mandal, East Godavari District. Sri Nallamilli Peda Subbareddy is his brother-in-law. He (Sri Nallamilli peda Subbareddy) acquired agricultural land to an extent of Ac.0.76 cents in Sy.No.277/5, L.N. Puram, G. Mamidada village from his Grandfather Sri Nallamilli Veereddy (late) and brother of his Grandfather Sri Vekanta Reddy (late), both of them have also executed an un registered will in his name. Out of 0.76 cents only 0.38 cents land was entered in revenue records in the name of Sri Nallamilli Peda Subbareddy. On 09.10.2019, his brother-in-law had put an application to the Tahsildar, Padapudi Mandal through Mee-Seva for mutation of remaining 0.38 cents of agricultural land in online, but said application was rejected by the Government Servant on 15.11.2019. On being questioned by his brother-in-law the Government Servant-2 and Government Servant-3 replied that the Government Servant is not accepting the mutation applications without registered documents but she asked Rs.10,000/- as formality to do his work. They also advised to put the application again. Then his brother-in-law again put an application to Tahsildar, Pedapudi through Mee-Seva on 17.12.2019 without paying the demanded bribe of Rs.10,000/-. The said application was also rejected by the Government Servant on 30.12.2019. Later, his brother in law Peda Subbareddy again met the Government Servant-2 and Government Servant-3 in the office of Tahsildar, Pedapudi and when asked about the rejection of his application, they both replied that his application was rejected as he had not paid the formality, further they stated that, now the Tahsildar is demanding Rs.20,000/- as formality to complete his work. As his brother-in-law has no interest to give the demanded bribe to the Government Servant, he decided to complaint the matter to the CMO call centre 14400, approached him and asked him to call the 14400 to complain the above matter. Accordingly, he complained the matter in 14400 over phone and reported on behalf of his brother-in-law.

In this connection, Enquiry Officer conducted a discreet enquiry into this matter and submitted a report to Hon'ble DG, ACB, AP, Vijayawada. Later on 21.10.2020 the Hon'ble DG, ACB, AP, Vijayawada, instructed to conduct a Regular Enquiry vide C.No.90/RE-REG/2020, dt.21.10.2020 against the Government Servants. Thus, the Government Servant has committed the misconduct as follows.

CHARGE-1:-

That the Government Servant while working as Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, East Godavari district demanded bribe of Rs. 20,000/- from Sri Nallamilli Peda Subba Reddy for the mutation and to issue pattadar pass books for his 0.38 cents of agricultural land in Sy.No.277/5, L.N. Puram, G. Mamidada village, Pedapudi (M) through Government Servant-2 & Government Servant -3.

EVIDENCE:

During the course of enquiry it is revealed that, when the application dtd. 09.10.2019 of the petitioner's Brother-in-law Sri Nallamilli peda Subbareddy was rejected by the Government Servant on 15.11.2019, he went to the Tahsildar office, Pedapudi and met the Government Servant-2 Government Servant-3, on being questioned both Government Servants replied that, the Government Servant do not accepts mutation for the unregistered will deeds and they further stated that she is demanding an amount of Rs. 10,000 as formality to accept the mutation and to issue Pattadar passbooks to the petitioner as he has only the unregistered will. Again on 17.12.2019 Sri Nallamilli Peda Subbareddy applied for mutation, but did not give the demanded bribe of Rs. 10,000. The Government Servant again rejected the application on 30.12.2019 as the applicant did not pay the demanded bribe. Again when questioned by the applicant, Government Servant-2 and Government Servant-3 replied that his application was rejected as he has not paid the demanded bribe of Rs.10,000/-. He was also informed by them now the Government Servant is demanding Rs.20,000/- to complete his work and suggested to apply again.

On examination the petitioner Sri Karri Sudhakara Reddy, the applicant and the brother-in-law of the petitioner Sri Nallamilli Peda Subbareddy stated that, Government Servant-2 and Government Servant-3 were demanded an amount of Rs. 20,000/- for mutation of 0.38 cents of agricultural land in Sy.No. 277/5 , L.N. Puram, G. Mamidada village of the applicant on behalf of Government Servant, as the applicant did not pay the demanded amount of Rs. 20,000/- to them both the applications were rejected by the Government Servants without any proper enquiry.

After the Surprise check conducted by the ACB officials, Rajamahendravaram the Government Servant called them to the office of Tahsildar, Pedapudi and asked to file the application again. Accordingly on 31.01.2020 Sri Peda Subbareddy applied for mutation. This time the Government Servant- 2 conducted proper field enquiry and submitted enquiry report to the Government Servant and on 09.03.2020 the mutation was approved. Even though the applicant Sri Nallamilli Peda Subbareddy attached the same documents for all the three times i.e., on 09.10.2019, 17.12.2019 and on 31.01.2020, the

Government Servant -2 did not conducted the proper field verification for the first two times. After the Surprise check conducted by the ACB officials on the instructions of Government Servant, the Government Servant -2 conducted proper field verification and submitted the field verification report with recommendation to allow mutation.

Further on enquiry Sri A.G.Chinna Krishna, Revenue Divisional Officer, Kakinada Revenue Division stated that based on the information furnished by the Village Revenue Officer/Mandal Revenue Inspector, the Tahsildar has also enquire in detail and the Government Servant has to conclude whether the mutation can be accepted or rejected. Basing on the objections received if any within stipulated time, objections raised by persons interested in land on the stipulated day it has to be enquired as per the procedure. Then the Government Servant shall generate Proceedings/Endorsement under Rule 9(1) of AP Rights in Land & Pattadar Passbooks Rules, 1989. In this case the Government Servant did not follow the above procedure and simply rejected the first two applications dt:09.10.2019 and 17.12.2019 for mutation of .38 cents of agricultural land belongs to Sri Nallamilli Peda Subbareddy as the applicant did not pay the demanded bribe.

From all the above it is proved that the Government Servant demanded an amount of Rs. 20,000/- as bribe through Government Servant -2 and Government Servant -3 from Sri Nallamilli Peda Subbareddy.

As per the Oral evidence mentioned vide serial Nos- 1 to 5 in the Annexure-III and documentary evidence mentioned vide serial No- 1 in the Annexure No- IV proves the above lapse exhibited by Government Servant.

CHARGE-2:-

That the Government Servant while working as Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, East Godavari district showed slack supervision over her staff i.e., Government Servant- 2 who failed to conduct enquiry as per procedure in vogue on the two applications of Sri Nallamilli Peda Subbareddy for mutation of his agricultural land and over the Government Servant- 4 / Sri K. Chandra Sekhara Reddy, Dy. Tahsildar O/o Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal who has misplaced the application files vide Nos. RMU011903147849 dated. 09-10-2019 and RMU 011903689250 dated 17.12.2019 of Sri Nallamilli Peda Subbareddy.

During the course of enquiry Sri A.G.Chinna Krishna, S/o (Late) Veera swami, Age-54 yrs, Revenue Divisional Officer, Kakinada Revenue Division, East Godavari District stated that, In connection with the mutation process in which applicant submitted an un-registered will deed the VRO has to conduct field verification, record the statements of family members and villagers of the applicant and to check the possession of the land, preparation of mediators report for that extent and to submit the enquiry report to the Tahsildar through proper channel duly mentioning the recommendations.

In this case for both the applications dated 09-10-2019 and 17.12.2019 for mutation of 0.38 cents of agricultural land belongs to Sri Nallamilli Peda Subba reddy in Sy.No. 277/5, L.N. Puram, G.Mamidada village, Pedapudi (M),

Government Servant-2 did not conducted proper field enquiry. Further, the RDO, Kakinada stated that the application files vide Nos. RMU011903147849 dated. 09-10-2019 and RMU 011903689250 dated 17.12.2019 of Sri Nallamilli Peda Subbareddy were missing in the Tahsildar office, Pedapudi and the Government Servant-4 is responsible for missing of the above files.

Basing on the above evidence it is proved that Government Servant-2 and Government Servant-4 failed to do their legitimate duties and the Government Servant showed slack supervision over the above two employees who worked under her control.

As per the Oral evidence mentioned vide serial Nos- 1 to 5 in the Annexure-III and documentary evidence mentioned vide serial No- 1 in the Annexure No- IV proves the above lapse exhibited by Government Servant.

CHARGE-3:-

That the Government Servant while working as a Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, East Godavari rejected applications vide Nos. RMU011903147849 dated. 09-10-2019 and RMU 011903689250 dated 17.12.2019 of the Sri Nallamilli Peda Subba Reddy beyond SLA i.e., on 15.11.2019 and on 30.12.2019 respectively.

During the enquiry on examination of Sri A. G. Chinna Krishna, Revenue Divisional Officer, Kakinada Revenue Division, East Godavari District stated that the Government Servant rejected applications vide Nos. RMU011903147849 dated 09-10-2019 and RMU 011903689250 dated 17.12.2019 of Sri Nallamilli Peda Subbareddy beyond SLA i.e., on 15.11.2019 and on 30.12.2019 respectively.

As per the Oral evidence mentioned vide serial Nos- 1 to 5 in the Annexure-III and documentary evidence mentioned vide serial No- 1 in the Annexure No- IV proves the above lapse exhibited by Government Servant.

Thus, the Government Servant by her above mentioned acts has committed grave misconduct i.e., she has exhibited gross negligence and lack of devotion to duty conduct unbecoming of Government Servant and thereby violated / contravened Rule 3(1), (2) & (5) of A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules 1964 and thereby the Government Servant rendered herself for Regular Departmental Enquiry for Major Penalty under Rule 20 of APCS (CC & A) Rules, 1991.

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ANNEXURE – III

LIST OF WITNESSES

1	Sri Karri Sudhakara Reddy, S/o Aadi Reddy, D.No. 17-80, Dwarapudivari veedhi, G. Mamidada (V), Pedapudi (M). (Complainant).
2	Sri Nallimilli Peda Subba Reddy, S/o Veerabadraiah, A/33 yrs, D.No. 16-194, Sathivari veedhi, G.Mamidada (V), Pedapudi (M).
3	Sri A. G. Chinni Krishna, S/o (Late) Veera swami, Age-54 yrs, Revenue Divisional Officer, Kakinada Revenue Division, East Godavari District
4	Sri Subhash, Tahsildar, Pedapudi (M), East Godavari District
5	Any other witnesses whose evidence is relevant during investigation.

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ANNEXURE – IV

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

1.	File pertaining to the application No. RMU012003845103 dtd.30.01.2020 submitted by Sri Nallamilli Peda Subbareddy of G.Mamidada Village, Pedapudi Mandal 33 sheets.
2.	Any Other records which are required during the course of investigation will be obtained.

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